

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*Founded June 15, 1818*



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 18, 2011*

*10:30 A.M. Worship*

*Our Mission Statement*

*Drawn into community,*

*Nurtured by God's word,*

*Called into the World.*

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*Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller, Pastor*

*Rev. Margaret Fulghum, Associate Pastor*

# Assemble in God's Name

As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Also, please turn off your cell phones and pagers.

## Prelude

*Voluntary on Veni Emanuel*  
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

Rudolf Moser

## Welcome and Announcements

## Tolling of the Bell

## \*Processional

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arr. Hal Hopson

## Congregation and choir (Verse 1)

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come, ye, O come, ye, to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

## Women's ensemble Only (Verse 2)

## Congregation and Choir (Verse 3)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

## Congregation and choir (Verse 4)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

## \*Prayer of Adoration

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

Gann, Katy, Jack and Ella Grace Bryan

## Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Kyrie Eleison

(Choir sings first time, congregation joins in second time)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Assurance Of Pardon

## \*Hymn 23

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

## First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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Reader, Sheila Fogle

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Margaret Fulghum

*At this time all children will be invited to come to the chancel steps. Children ages KINDERGARTEN AND YOUNGER are dismissed to the nursery. FIRST GRADE AND UP should remain in the sanctuary with parents.*

## Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

## Offertory and Offertory Prayer

*Fughetta Savior of the Nations*  
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

Johann S. Bach

# Oratorio de Noël

## Camille Saint-Saëns

(1835-1921)

### Recitative and Chorus

Clenol Jean, tenor, Sherry Smith, alto,  
Michelle Dykes, soprano, Andrew Dykes, baritone

*Et pastores errant  
in regione eadem vigilantes  
Et custodientes vigilius noctis  
Super gregem sum  
Et cece angelus Domini  
stetit juxta illos,  
Et claritas Dei circumfulsit illos.  
Et timuerunt timore magno  
Et dixit illis angelus:  
Nolite timere, nolite timere:  
Ecce enim evangelico vobis gaudium magnum  
Quod erit omni populo:  
Quia natus est vobis hodie Christus, Dominus,  
In civitate David.  
Et hoc vobis signum:  
Invenietis, infantetum panis involutum,  
Et positum in praesepe.  
Et subito facta est cum angelo  
Multitudo militiae caelestis  
Laudantium Deum, et dicentium*

*Gloria in altissimis Deo,  
Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis*

*There were shepherds at night  
in that same country, abiding in the fields,  
and silently keeping their watch by night  
sleeping flocks around them.  
And lo! An angel of the Lord  
appeared, standing there beside them  
And the glory of the Lord shone round about them,  
And they were sore, afraid at His coming.  
And unto them the angel said:  
Fear not, oh ye shepherds, fear not oh ye shepherds,  
For, behold I bring unto you good tidings of great joy  
which shall be to all people  
For unto you is born today a Savior, Christ, the Lord  
In the city of David.  
And this shall the sign be:  
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes  
And lying in a manger low.  
And suddenly there was with the angel  
a great multitude of the heavenly host  
praising God, and saying.*

*Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth peace, goodwill to all men.*

### Air

Sherry Smith, mezzo-soprano

*Expectans, expectavi Dominum,  
Et intendit mihi*

*Patiently have I waited for the Lord  
And lo! He heard my cry.*

### Air and Chorus

Auldwin Johnson, tenor

*Domine, ego credidi,  
quia tu es Christus Filius Dei vivi.  
Qui in hunc mundum venisti.*

*In my heart I believe, O Lord,  
that thou indeed art Christ Son of the living God.  
He who was to come into this world.*

### Benedictus

Elizabeth Wright, soprano— Stefan Neely, baritone

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini  
Deus Dominus, et illuxit nobis  
Deus meus es tu, et confitebor tibi  
Deus meus es tu, et exaltabo te.*

*Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,  
God, the Lord of Light he hath shined upon us  
Thou alone my God art: and all my trust is in Thee  
Thou alone my God art: I will exalt Thee.*

### Chorus

*Quare fremuerunt gentes?  
Et populi meditare sunt inania? Quare?  
Gloria Patri, Gloria et Filio, Gloria Spiritui Sancto  
Sicut erat in principio,  
et nunc, et semper et in saecula saeculorum, Amen.*

*Wherefore do the heathen clamor?  
Why do the nations imagine vain and foolish things?, Wherefore?  
Glory, unto the Father, and unto the Son, and Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning  
is now and ever shall be, Amen.*

### **Trio**

Elizabeth Wright, soprano, Auldwin Johnson, tenor, Jeremy Jordan, baritone

*Tecum principium in die virtutis tuae  
In splendoribus Sanctorum.*

*My soul doth magnify, my spirit hath rejoiced in God.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy glory.*

### **Quartet**

Sherry Smith, alto, Elizabeth Wright, soprano I  
Michelle Dykes, soprano II, Justin Jordan, baritone

*Alleluia, Laudate, coeli et exulta terra  
Quia consolatus est Dominus populum suum  
Et pauperum suorum, miserebitur.*

*Alleluia, Ye heavens sing praises, be joyful earth  
For the Lord hath poured his consolation upon His people  
and He to His afflicted will be merciful.*

### **Quintet and Chorus**

Elizabeth Wright, soprano I, Michelle Dykes, soprano II,  
Sherry Smith, alto, Auldwin Johnson, tenor, Andrew Dykes, baritone

*Consurge, Filia Sion. Alleluia.  
Lauda in nocte,  
in principio vigiliarum, Alleluia  
Egrediatur ut spendor Justus Sion,  
Et Salvator ejus ut lampas accendatur, Alleluia.*

*Arise now, Daughter of Zion, Alleluia  
Praise God, in the night!  
Praise Him in the first watches of the night time, Alleluia.  
That Zion's true glory might be manifested,  
That her Savior might rise and shine before the nations, Alleluia.*

### **Chorus**

*Tollite hostias, et adorare  
Dominum atrio sancto ejus  
Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra,  
A facie Domini, quoniam venit, Alleluia*

*Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing His salvation  
Bless His name, show forth his praise in His holy house!  
Rejoice, ye heavens and be joyful earth,  
Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia.*

### **\*Benediction**

## **First Presbyterian Church Patricia Hacker, Director of Music Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist Chancel Choir**

#### **Sopranos**

Alicia Beam  
Miriam Bolton  
Mary Darsey  
Michelle Dykes  
Alice Gardner  
Barbara Martin  
Linda McAllister  
Serena Neely  
Stacy Owens  
Doris Phillips  
Elizabeth Wright

#### **Altos**

Betty Ausburger\*  
Joyce Bond  
Emily Butler  
Mavis Daniell  
Mary Lou Danner  
Peggy Collins  
Tish Hammer  
Jan McKemie  
Mary Romer  
Sue Shaver  
Sherry Smith  
Anne Peters

#### **Tenors**

John Crisler  
Woodward Howard  
Clenol Jean  
Auldwin Johnson  
Jeremy Jordan  
Justin Jordan

#### **Basses**

Willie Anderson  
Andrew Dykes  
Morris Hammer  
Jeff Hyatt  
Mack Gaskins  
Bob McKemie  
Tom Miller  
Stefan Neely  
Rhett Murray  
Craig Romer

#### **Musicians**

Violin I Lisa Wiggins  
Viola Charles Hogue  
Harp Katherine Newman  
Flute Michelle Dykes

Violin II Christi Weber  
Cello Veneta Billmayer  
Organ Dr. Frank Contreras  
Handbells Jill Chappell and Nancy Lundy

#### **• Guest Singer**

**The flowers in the Narthex** are given in loving memory of Margaret and Frank Neely and Mary and Leo Brookshire by Mary Margaret Cofield.